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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO 4TH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT SCHEEL

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SCHEEL  
FROM PRESIDENT FORD: BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE  
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE. SINCERELY,  
GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

2. FYI: ON JULY 3, PRESIDENT SCHEEL SENT THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD: BEGIN TEXT. ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY I SHOULD LIKE TO CONVEY  
TO YOU, ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE, MY BEST  
WISHES. ON THIS SPECIAL DAY OF HONOR WHICH PRELUDES THE  
JUBILEE OF THE BICENTENARY INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR  
COUNTRY, I REMEMBER WITH GREAT PLEASURE MY RECENT VISIT  
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TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FRIENDLY AND TRUSTFUL TALKS WITH  
YOU AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO ME BY YOU AND  
YOU FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

THE PAST YEAR STOOD UNDER THE SIGN OF AN OVERALL  
STRENGTHENED GERMAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION WHICH IS BASED  
ON THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. I AM CERTAIN THAT OUR TRANSATLANTIC  
PARTNERSHIP WILL STAND FIRM IN THE YEARS TO COME AND WILL  
DEEPEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN  
MEMBERS.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING  
AND FOR A HAPPY FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
WALTER SCHEEL END TEXT. END FYI.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT SHOULD WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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